

fire and oblique fire from machine guns on the exposed right flank. Realizing this, Captain Jæckle, without orders, pushed his company, Company K, from its position in right support up to the right of Company I, and when the fighting stopped his company was extending the line of Company I to the right and rear.

The advance was continued vigorously until 11:00 a. m. (11 hours), at which time the order to cease firing found the two companies in the positions shown in black on the Position Sketch in the Appendix.

Second Battalion.

The heavy fog of the early morning of the 11th made observation of surroundings almost impossible. The Second Battalion pushed out by compass bearing in the direction to bring it toward its objective, the southern edge of Hautecourt and the flank of the enemy's position in Montricelle Bois. The first reports of the battalion commander, Major Schucker, showed the battalion working into the interval between the three companies of the 322d Infantry and the First Battalion, 321st Infantry.

After advancing in this direction for over a quarter of an hour, failing to secure contact with the enemy, and receiving heavy machine gun fire from the east, his right flank, and discovering, moreover, a wide unprotected gap between the First and Third Battalions, the gap